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Nation-Wide Price Control Battle Lead By Unions

Cleveland Forms Joint Political Committtee

CLEVELAND, June 23—(FP)—Joint political action of the AFL, CIO and railroad brotherhoods, long discussed but never acted on here, became a reality June 20 when representatives of all three branches of the labor movement met and formed Labor's Joint Committee for Political Action.

Purpose of the action as announced by the committee is to "strengthen the political and legislative arm of labor." The program announced is as follows:

Announce Program

1. Use of labor's united might in support of President Roosevelt, with particular immediate emphasis on price rollback and other measures necessary for economic stabilization.
2. Joint political action on all matters of interest to organized labor.
3. Support of political candidates on whom there is unanimous agreement.
4. United campaign to have all union members register and vote.
5. Continued joint action in the legislative field.

Officers elected wer: chairman, Beryl Whitney, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated); treasurer, Ben Peppercorn, Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO); secretary, Thomas A. Lenehan, Cleveland Federation of Labor (AFL); publicity director, William Davy, Cleveland Industrial Union Council (CIO).

...rsees Fascist ...egislation Unless People Act

NEW YORK, June 19 (FP)—Unless patriotic members of Congress are given united support by the people, powerful anti-labor forces in Washington will be successful in jamming through a quick program of fascist legislation, the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties declared June 16.

In a special 10,000-word summary of federal legislation affecting civil rights, the NFCL called upon all groups to undertake organized, sustained educational and legislative activity to defeat those bills which would threaten or delay winning the war.

Bills or resolutions in which labor has a vital interest are SJ Res. 4, which outlaws the union shop; SJ Res. 9, which requires registration of unions; S 41, permitting labor conscription; S 189, outlawing picketing; S 190, outlawing overtime pay, and S 235, abolishing the closed shop. Other measures would abolish collective bargaining, limit back pay and abolish the NLRB.

A complete summary of this legislation, as well as a summary of legislation favorable to labor, is available from the federation, 1123 Broadway, New York, N.Y., for 5 cents.

Security, Higher Labor Standards Among Aims

MONTREAL, Canada — (FP) — Improved labor standards, economic advancement and social security are among the major objectives of the Atlantic Charter, Pres. Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia said June 18.

His views were expressed in an exchange of letters with the International Labor Organization, in which he praised the work of the group and called for giving "the common man an equitable share in the industrial, social and cultural development" of the postwar world.

Gordon Unit Seeks New Contract

Gordon Bumper Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO which has been in contract negotiations since September, 1942 has made an appeal to the War Labor Board for a hearings officer, due to a breakdown in negotiations between the company and Union.

Cyrus Martin, Local 12 representative accuses the company of stalling tactics, because the management has sought to take out contract clauses which have been in effect ever since the Union held a contract in the plant.

Martin said, "The case of Gordon Bumper is cut from the same pattern as so many other cases in which we are running into the same spirit of stubburn resistance to all reasonable demands. We would almost suspect some of the employers of collusion due to our no strike pledge. We base our idea on the fact that so many corporations are trying to remove clauses from our contracts which they readily agreed to for several years past".

All efforts of the Local to settle the contract without going through the War Labor Board have meet with resistance and an attempt on the part of the company to change the contract and rewrite it to suit itself.

NAM Wants Monopoly on Postwar Planning

NEW YORK, June 22.—(FP)—The National Association of Manufacturers has decided that it—and it alone—will have to make postwar planning work.

In announcing a nation-wide series of conferences, Wilfred war committee and president of Sykes, chairman of NAM's post-Inland Steel Co., declared that the oprations of his committee were most significant because it is "made up of the men who will have to make some postwar plan work."

The NAM, Sykes continued, has already petitioned the government to recognize that "top-notch businessmen, who made the wartime mobilization of industry so effective, should be the logical men to depend on in returning industry to successful peacetime operation." Unions disagreeing with Sykes and having information to the contrary can reach him at the NAM's general offices, 14 W. 49th St., New York, N. Y.

UE Wins Army-Navy "E" Awards

NEW YORK, (FP)—The United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO) has received a total of 97 production awards, including 18 Navy E's, 60 Army-Navy E's, 7 Stars, 5 Maritime Commission M's and 7 Treasury T's, since Dec. 7, 1941. The union also disclosed that 30,000 UE members have entered the armed forces.

Registration Shows Increase

Because there was a slight increase in the number of persons registering Monday evening at the Board of Elections, the office will remain open one more Monday night until 9:00 o'clock, according to Kenneth Hamel, election board clerk. Fifty persons registered last Monday night between 5:00 and 9:00 and 11 transferred their registrations, according to election board figures. This is an innrease of 26 over the previous week, when but 35 people showed up at the Board's Superior St. office to qualify as voters.

Officers Ask Cooperation

Union officials are continuing their appeals to the workers to avail themselves of the opportunity provided by the Board of Elections and qualify themselves for voting.

Thomas Russell, executive secretary of the Toledo Industrial Union Council, expressed himself as dissatisfied with the Monday night turnout of workers. Said Russell, "While labor is taking a beating in Washington at the hands of a reactionary congress, our people are incensed. The only way to show our resentment is by a great outpouring of workers to register and ready themselves for the coming election."

All locals affiliated with the TIUC have been conducting a campaign to get out the workers to register, but it is still estimated that there are more than 42,000 voters who have lost their right to vote, and still must register in order to be eligible to vote in the next election.

OPA Committee Asks Restaurant Price Freeze

Says Labor Costs Cannot Justify Present Prices

Members of the OPA Labor Advisory Committee have asked Victor H. Barnes of the local OPA office to freeze restaurant prices not to exceed a 15 per cent increase over the food costs of January, 1941.

In a letter to the OPA official, Edward Duck, Local 12 educational director and member of the OPA Labor Advisory Committee said that there was no way of gathering detailed information requested by the OPA, and that the restaurant owners could supply this date themselves in affidavit form.

CANNOT DEFEND INCREASES

Duck said that the restaurant owners cannot defend increases up to 24 per cent on the grounds that labor costs require the increase in food prices, since labor has been rigidly held within the 15 per cent limitations of the little steel formula.

The letter to the OPA grew out of a meeting on June 15 between the restaurant owners and OPA committee at which time the labor advisory members expressed their dissatisfaction with the results of the meeting and promised to suggest some definite plan of action to hold down restaurant food costs.

The argument which the labor committee is using is that since the consuming public has been held within 15 per cent increases in their wages and salaries prices should be similarly controlled.

City Auto Has Duration Contract

Members of Local 11, UAW-CIO of the City Auto Stamping Co. were recently paid a 3 per cent bonus for the year ending May 31, 1943. This is part of the contract agreement which has been signed between the company and Union and which will continue for the duration of the war.

In addition to the bonus paid the active workers in the plant, the company also paid all its servicemen a week's wages although many of them did not work in the plant for more than one year. Checks are being mailed the servicemen as rapidly as possible.

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Members of Local 11, UAW-CIO wish to express their sympathy to the wife and family of Stanley Hojnacki who was fatally injured at work in the City Auto Stamping Co. plant two weeks ago Stanley Hojnacki was a member of the Local from its beginning and was well liked by all his fellow workers. He leaves a wife and 10 chidren.

Mexican Import Reaches Halfway Mark

SAN FRANCISCO (FP)—Farm Security Administration has announced that the halfway mark for importation of Mexican farm labor in western states has been reached, with 25,000 workers imported out of 50,000 needed. About 18,000 are in California. Only 3% were found unsatisfactory.

Porcelain Enamel Receives Bond Emblem

Workers of the Toledo Porcelain Enamel Co. were given a Minute-Man emblem last week for their participation in the 10% payroll deduction plan with better than 92 per cent participation. Receiving the emblem were left to right, John Campbell, UAW-CIO, Earle S. Smith, president of the Toledo Porcelain Enamel Co., and chairman of the Lucas Co. bond sales, and Guy Mallory, AFL.

City Officials Plan Washington Junket

City Manager George N. Schoonmaker and Mayor Lloyd Roulet are planning a trip to Washington to see OPA authorities relative to the meat situation in Toledo. This was brought out at Monday's city council meeting when the two were instructed to get all possible data before undertaking the journey to the capital.

Councilman Ollie Czelusta made the motion and Councilman Ira Bame the amendment that before the trip was undertaken, all possible date and information be gathered by the city manager and mayor in order that the trip would be productive.

ETCHEN GETS RIBBED

Councilman Howard Etchen, satorically resplendent in zoot suit with a reat pleat came into the meeting late and drew a sarcastic sally from the usually urbane councilman Charles Hoover. "Blankety blank." said Hoover, "I thought the circus left town yesterday." Etchen smirked as he carefully drew up his trouser legs and gingerly seated himself as though loathe to ruin a beautiful crease and said, "Don't tell me you never saw this suit before."

MORE GARBAGE

A 30-day contract for the incineration of garbage for residents of the East Moreland and Euclid Park areas in Oregon Townships was given it's final approval.

According to the ordinance, the contract automatically expires at the end of the 30-day period unless the township trustees make further arrangements with the city.

OTHER BUSINESS

The expenditure of $25,700 was authorized for construction of the Windermere Blvd. intercepting sewer. Aid in relieving the pollution condition in Ten Mile Creek was given as the reason for the necessity of this construction.

Repairs and installation of roofs on hangars at Municipal Airport at a cost, not to exceed $2,300 was approved as was an extension of the contract for operation of the concession stand at the airport.

An appropriation of $3,000 for the painting of the Water Dept. Bldg. at Erie and Orange Sts. and $1,350 for completion of repairs on the roof of the Civic Auditorium were also approved.

COUNCILMANIC ABSENTEEISM INCREASES

The Committee of the Whole meeting of Wednesday, June 16, 1943, must have been a sorry looking sight indeed. A total of four city councilmen were absent from this meeting. Councilman Michael DiSalle entertained a motion to excuse councilman Ira Bame, Charles Hoover, Lloyd Roulet and Addisan Q. Thatcher from this meeting. The motion carried.

A grand total of five spectators were present.

Unitcast Workers To Receive Back Pay

12 Months Retroactive Pay Awarded by WLB

Employes of the Unitcast Corporation UAW-CIO will receive retroactive pay from July 15, 1942 as a result of a War Labor Board directive received June 22.

Wage increases range from nine to 13 cents for all hourly workers. The ruling was based upon the Board's determination that the approved rates were not in excess of the minimum sound and tested going rates in the Toledo area for the classifications effected.

Expresses Satisfaction

Frank Lichter, president of Local 48, UAW-CIO, expressed his satisfaction with the Board's ruling. "We waited a long time for the Board's decision", said Lichter, "but it was worth while waiting for". Other members of the executive committee expressed similar sentiments.

Contract negotiations were inaugerated by Carl Joseph now a member of the paratroopers, and continued by Joseph Ditzel who is also in the army. Final negotiations were carried out by Robert Burkart, International UAW-CIO representative.

Pegler's Degree

GALESBURG, Ill., June 23 (FP)—Westbrook Pegler, the stench of whose writings would drive a buzzard out of Berchtesgaden, was made an honorary doctor of law here June 15 by Knox College. In presenting the award, Dr. Merritt A. Moore ,a professor of philosophy, said:

"The purpose of his writing is to defend the common man."

Toledo Co-op. Opens New Store

Formal opening of the Toledo Consumers League's new store at 2449 Detroit Ave. will take place Thursday through Saturday of this week, according to John Balduff of the cooperative organization.

Opening of the second store comes following the great success achieved by the store established by the league at 1822 Adams St.

Following a 30-day rationing period, an inventory of the store will be made and the OPA will determine what inventory will be allowed the new store.

Located in the Overland-Chevrolet districts, both of which have large cooperatives in the form of Federal Credit Unions, it is believed the new store will be highly successful. The public is invited to inspect the new location and look over its fine line of groceries and produce.

Labor Fights Against Inflation

CIO Wants Subsidies To Protect Farmers

WASHINGTON, June 19 (FP)—Organized labor spokesmen confronted two congressional committees June 16 and called the shot on appeaser forces who, with increasing desperation, are trying to promote inflation the closer we come to subsidies and effective price control.

CIO President Philip Murray, testifying before the Senate banking and currency committee, and pointing out that subsidies would protect farmers, said we should stop listening to those who "repeatedly tell us we cannot sustain maximum production and at the same time have a stabilization of prices and wages."

Cost Highest in U. S.

Murray displayed a chart showing rise of food prices in the U.S., Canada and Great Britain since August, 1939. Because of subsidies, $500,000,000 a year in England for one-third our population, food costs rose 20% in Great Britain and 29% in Canada in that period, while ours rose 47%.

Washington Representative Jack S. Zucker of the United Shoe Workers (CIO) told the House small business committee June 16 that "your committee has been used as a sounding board by persons and groups desiring to smash price control and rationing."

Failures on Decrease

Business failures are at the lowest levels in 50 years, he testified. Independent grocers have increased their dollar sales by more than 30% in relation to chain stores. Total profits of all corporations increased from 4.5 billion dollars in 1936-39 to 7.3 billion dollars in 1940, 14.8 billion dollars in 1941, and 20 billion dollars in 1942, he said. Department stores increased their profits by 180%, using 1936-39 as an average; variety stores, 120%, and dairy processors, 199%.

In view of this, he suggested, OPA's price ceilings did not appear to be squeezing business. Yet 50% of all families earn less than the 72,600 a year necessary for a decent living standard for a family of five, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Poll Shows Americans Want Social Security

DENVER, June 22.—(FP)—Six out of every seven Americans want social security extended to cover all workers in all occupations, the National Opinion Research Center of Denver University revealed on June 20.

A total of 94% of the cross section taken approve of old age provisions of the present social security law; 84% favor the unemployment insurance provisions, and 85% would favor similar legislation to cover health insurance.

The sharpest division of opinion, the research group says, is between New Dealers and anti-New Dalers. The anti-New Deal group favors the measures, but by smaller majorities

Committees Set Up To Police Prices

NEW YORK, June 22—(FP)—Labor's battle for price control went forward this week on three fronts: Philadelphia; San Diego, Calif., and in the New York-New Jersey area.

More than 150 delegates representing many powerful AFL and CIO unions in both New York and New Jersey met here June 20 at the request of the New York Joint Labor Women's Defense Committee and drew up a program for local community action.

They agreed to set up committees in their own local unions to see that OPA regulations were adhered to in retail stores. Walter Gellhorn, regional OPA attorney, strongly urged that labor take greater initiative in helping to enforce price controls and rationing.

Support OPA in Fight

In Philadelphia, both AFL and CIO unions came out solidly in support of the Office of Price Administration in its fight to maintain the price control program. The union action was taken after the reactionary State Council of Defense, Republican controlled, forbid civilian defense councils to make nominations to price panels and halted recruiting of volunteer price wardens.

The OPA announced that it will recruit price wardens without OCD assistance. Both union groups are sending volunteers to help in this work.

Plan for Enforcement

Seventy-five representatives of organized labor in San Diego, Cal., met recently with OPA officials to lay plans for enforcement of price ceilings. They agreed (1) to establish a permanent committee to supervise all labor enforcement activities; (2) to urge participation by women's auxiliary members and trade union wives to beat rising costs, and (3) to create a set-up for channeling all complaints of violations through a central office to be maintained by organized labor.

The San Diego Federated Trades and Labor Council (AFL) published a full page of instructions in its newspaper on how to check prices and report violations as the first step in its battle against chiselers and black markets.

Council Opposes Discrimination

Orders Traction Co. To Cease Opposition

Race discrimination on the part of the Community Traction Co. was mildly condemned by City Council in a resolution adopted June 17 at a meeting of the committee of the whole.

Protests against the action of the Community Traction Co. in refusing even to accept applications from colored people for employment were given Council June 1 by Wm. M. Jones, chairman of the education committee of the Mass Movement League of Toledo. In his original complaint, Jones told Council that he had received a letter from Charles H. Forsgard, president of the Community Traction Co., telling him that the policy was not to receive applications for work from colored people, saying, "Besides, we are all busy with the war effort."

Slapped on Wrist

When Mr. Jones asked Council at its June 21 meeting what had been done about the matter, he was given a copy of a letter written at the order of Council to the Community Traction Co.

The sum and substance of the letter was that "The Council of the City of Toledo desires to express its opposition to any policy which tends to discriminate in the employment of employes on the basis of race, creed or color."

What further action will be pursued by the Mass Movement League as a result of Council's letter to the Traction Co. is not known, but Mr. Jones indicated the matter was not closed by the slap on the wrist administered the Company by Council.

WLB Directives Received

Directives were received during the past week from the War Labor Board concerning the cases of Ft. Pitt, Toledo Steel Tube, Sheets Elevator and City Machine and Tool Co. Following were the rulings:

Sheets Elevator employes' raise approved. Ft. Pitt disapproved on the grounds that increases of 15 per cent have already been given the employes. Toledo Steel Tube—adjustments approved but increases disapproved. City Machine and Tool disapproved.

Disapproval of the cases of Ft. Pitt, Toledo Steel Tube and City Machine and Tool were on the ground that the rates were in excess of the minimum sound and tested going rates in the Toledo area for the classifications affected.

Wisconsin School For Workers Open

MADISON, Wis., June 19 (FP)—The School for Workers of the University of Wisconsin opened its 19th summer session June 13 with a considerably decreased enrollment, due partly to war conditions and partly to an early opening date. In 1942 the enrollment was 257 and 253 the previous year.

Included in this year's courses are labor legislation, collective bargaining, war and post-war problems, labor problems in wartime, history of unionism, union bookkeeping and finance, group leadership, parliamentary law, public speaking, broadcasting, labor journalism and writing.

Office Staff Expanded

Jean Rogers and Connie Hatt were added to the Local 12 dues office staff this week to help out during the vacation season. Increased office work necessitated the employment of the additional help for the summer months.

Toledo Porcelain Awarded With Bond Emblem

Emblematic of its whole-hearted support of the War Bond effort, workers on the Toledo Porcelain Enamel Co., were given recognition for their efforts on June 18, when a minute-man flag was presented to the company and workers by Robert Swiss, Deputy Administrator of the War Savings Staff for Ohio.

Speakers were Lt. R. T. Kretchmar, Captain of the Port of Toledo, U. S. Coast Guard and Harry N. Weiting, Co-Chairman of the Payroll Savings Committee War Savings Staff. Both speakers complimented the men and women of the plant for their support and expressed confidence that it would continue.

ACCEPT BOND EMBLEM

Earle S. Smith, president of the company, and John Campbell and Guy Mallory, representing the workers in the plant accepted the emblem as representatives for the respective groups.

John Campbell, CIO executive committeeman was chosen to represent CIO because he has two sons in the armed services, as was Guy Mallory, representing AFL workers who has a son in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Recognition was given the following men from Toledo Porcelain now serving in the armed forces: Dale Custer, Edward Rutter, Frank Polaski, Jack Walstrom, Gunnard Walstrum, Henry Barr, Albert Flick, Edward Komenda, Richard Oldham, Geo. Pawlinski, Robert Kuhl, Harry Haar, Raymond Nadolny, Francis Huntzinger, Paul Bennett, Rahland Trace, Daniel Opaczewski, Ed. Wojciechowski, Martin Karl, Louis Matthews, John Krause, Virgil Miller, Walter Duda and Robert Essing.

PROUD OF RECORD

Workers of the plant expressed their satisfaction at the recognition given their efforts which has been as good as that of many Toledo plants which are devoting themselves exclusively to war contracts. War production at the Toledo Porcelain Enamel Co. has been confined to hospital equipment and sand blasting and annealing of parts for tanks and bombs.

Earle S. Smith, president of the company is chairman for the bond sales in Lucas county.

Regional WLB To Hear Steel Products Case

Notice of a hearing before the Regional War Labor Board between the Local 12, UAW-CIO, and Toledo Steel Products Co., to be held in Celeveland June 30, was received on June 18.

Local 12 will be represented by President Melvin Schultz and Cyrus (Toots) Martin, Local 12 representative, in charge of negotiations at the Toledo Steel Products Co. Three members of the Toledo Steel Products Unit, still to be named, will accompany the Local 12 officers to the Cleveland hearing.

Negotiations Deadlocked

Hearing of the case before the Regional WLB was brought about by a deadlock between the company and Union. Only four minor clauses in the contract were approved by the company and further action cannot be taken until the WLB panel clarifies the issues.

Steel Products Party Held Saturday

Members of the Toledo Steel Products Unit will hold a dance and party at Local 12 headquarters Saturday, June 26, beginning at 7:00 p. m. Dancing will begin at 8:30 p. m. with Anthony Madrowski's Rhythm Rhymsters providing the music.

Eats and refreshments will be provided and a good time is promised all. The party will be held in the air-conditioned hall on the first floor.

Crawford Coming On Saturday

Frederick C. Crawford, president of the Thompson Products Co. of Cleveland, of which the Toledo Steel Products Co. is a subsidiary, will be in Toledo Saturday, June 26, where he will address an "Old Guard" banquet of Steel Products Co. employes. Mr. Crawford who is head of the National Association of Manufacturers, will deliver a long speech.

Local 11 Sponsors Navy Breakfast

Local 11, UAW-CIO, sponsored the 53rd weekly Navy sending off breakfast on June 17 in the Victorian Room of the Hotel Hillcrest. More than 100 Navy recruits, enlistees to the Seabees were present together with their guests.

Highlights of the program were interviews with two Navy men who were home on leave. Chief Signalman Donald L. Stillson, 533 Geneva Ave., now on submarine duty, related some interesting experience. Gladwin Kreuch, machinist mate 1st class of 3281 Maplewood Ave. also told of his experiences in the Navy.

DAVIS SPEAKS

Alfred Davis, President of Local 11, UAW-CIO spoke to the Navy men and told them of the work which his Union was doing in producing materials of war for the armed forces. He expressed his pride that 90 employes of the Local were in the armed services and told how the workers in the City Auto Stamping plant contributed to a fund to send gifts to its former members.

Mr. Davis also called attention to the fact that the company had agreed in the contract with the Union to give a military award to all employes in the armed service although some of them have not worked in the plant for more than one year.

The speech was broadcast over radio station WTOL.

Entertainment was supplied by a vocal trio from the Navy Recruiting station and WTOL staff artists, Marie Huffman and Jeannette Rodenhauser. The studio orchestra played during the breakfast.

War On All Fronts

During my three and one-half years in the Balkans, I came to know that part of the world as no American woman has before.

The Italian occupation of Albania drove me out of that country into Jugoslavia. There I met the Serbs. I liked their way of living and their principles. And because I found them most perfectly expressed in a Serbian organization of guerrilla fighters called the Chetniks, I eventually joined them and became, myself, a Chetnik.

But not at once. There were many months of adventurous travel, during which I was often hounded by Axis agents and accused of being a spy. I witnessed the growing menace of domination by greedy, swaggering, war-mad Nazis and Fascists. I became involved in the struggle of the Serbs to maintain their freedom.

Joins Chetniks

So it was that I found myself one day in the presence of that old Chetnik leader, Voivoida Perchanatz. It was March 3, 1941, in Belgrade, where I had been living for nearly a year. I had come to join the Chetniks.

Some months before, my name had been entered in the big, well-worn book of candidates, sponsored by a noted member of the organization. I had been trained in the code of Chetnik fighting and taught how to use dagger and revolver. Now I was ready. I stood before the venerable leader, with my right hand on the crossed dagger and pistol, repeating after him the oath:

"Do Smrti za srbiju—tako mi bog pomogao." It means, "Till death for Serbia, by the help of God."

Name Crossed Out When Joining

That was all. Then Perchanatz took the big, old book and solemnly drew a line through my name. "Your life," he said, "is no longer your own. It is given to Serbia."

This is the only organization in the world, I think, in which your name is not put down, but crossed out when you join. You must regard yourself as good as dead. How proud I was that day! There are many women Chetniks, but I was the only woman of foreign birth and nationality ever to be admitted.

I was a Chetnik! And through my mind went the great marching song of Serbia: "Ready, now ready, Chetnik brothers, mighty the coming battle, and on our glorious victory will rise the sun of Liberty!"

Serbs Were Stunned

Since I was to do intelligence work, my joining was to be kept secret at that time. Many of the leading men of Serbia—politicians, judges, professors—are Chetniks, their membership a dead secret. I was given the customary poison, which I sewed in the collar of my coat, where it could be chewed if my hands were bound.

Soon after I became a Chetnik, events in the Balkans moved to a swift climax. Bulgaria joined the Nazis, and on the morning of March 25 the news was flashed: "Jugoslavia has signed the Axis pact." The Serbs were stunned at the incredible sell-out of their government. In Belgrade there was a death-like calm for two days. No Serb showed his face on the streets, but behind closed doors a momentous determination was gathering.

It broke on March 27. On that fateful day, for the first time a small nation of Europe declared war on Germany before it was itself attacked. Little Serbia had decided to battle the monster. And from that day onward, and because of that decision, everything went wrong for Germany.

It was the Serbs, whom Germany expected to brush off like a troublesome mosquito, who spoiled her aim, destroyed her timing. I believe their courageous action saved the British empire and — yes — America, from slavery to Europe, as once before, in 1389, the Serbs' heroic stand saved Europe from slavery to Asia.

The Nazis had intended to attack Russia in March—my information told me March 16. Hitler had expected to have Jugoslavia in hand and thoroughly "coordinated" by then. Instead, he had to fight.

He had to detach an army intended for Russia and send it down into the Balkans to secure his rear—an army of not less than half a million troops. It took him three months to do what he had expected would be done by routine penetration and terrorization, in no time at all.

There can be no question that if Germany had had those three spring months in which to concentrate her full force on Russia, she would have taken Moscow and that life stream of the Soviet, the Volga, and Russia would have been out of the war—a serious situation for the Allies.

UNITED AUTOMOBILE WORKERS OF AMERICA
★
LOCAL 12
★
Willys-Overland Unit

Remember what happened last fall when we neglected to register and vote?

We urge every member of Local 12 to get out immediately and register for the next election in order that we may begin to remedy the conditions which have been brought about by our preoccupation with war production.

Progressive Congressmen With Labor

WASHINGTON (FP)—Progressive forces in Congress are on the march. More important, they are marching with organized labor and consumers.

Some 50 congressmen have agreed to hold a joint conference with all sections of organized labor and consumers' groups June 25, primarily to come to the rescue of OPA and to promote the subsidy and price roll-back program. A nucleus of the group, to be part of a five-man steering committee, held a press conference June 15 to tell about it.

They are Reps. Thomas E. Scanlon, Democrat, Pennsylvania, in whose office reporters met, Chet Holifield, Democrat, California, Howard J. McMurray, Democrat, Wisconsin, and Vito Marcantonio (ALP, N.Y.).

Want Davis as Czar

Farm bloc congressmen organized and, led by Chairman Walter F. George of the Senate finance committee and others, in the last two days have sent delegations to urge the President to make a food czar out of Food Administrator Chester Davis. They would turn over OPA food price and rationing to Davis, farm bloc friend.

Asked if OPA was to be divided up, its functions given to other agencies, as congressional groups have pressed for, the President at his press conference June 15 said, serenely but firmly, no, OPA was to continue.

Significantly, the President when meeting with the farm bloc senators, who came armed with memoranda from canners' associations, told them the answer to food production and distribution was a two-billion-dollar subsidy program.

Price Control Foe Back; Status Unexplained

WASHINGTON, June 21 (FP)—Lou R. Maxon, of Lou R. Maxon, Inc., Detroit advertising corporation, returned to his desk as information chief of OPA June 16 but had "nothing to say" to reporters. He had been in Detroit since the day he announced he would be general manager of OPA or resign. Price Administrator Prentiss Brown also had nothing to say to reporters. Earlier he had said he would announce his decision as to Maxon the second week in June. The OPA labor policy committee has demanded his resignation as an enemy of price control.

Governors Want U. S. Postwar Aid

COLUMBUS, O., June 23 (FP)—Governors of four states, attending the 35th annual governors' conference, called upon the federal government to supplement private industry as a means of providing postwar employment. They urged that any public works program can be handled by the states, claiming that knowledge of local conditions is imperative.

Present collections of waste kitchen fats are about 85 million pounds annually.

Employment of women in shipyards has more than tripled within the past year.

Kansas Unionists Want Senator Reed's Scalp

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (FP)—CIO unionists in this state have declared war on Senator Clyde M. Reed, Republican, for his support of anti-labor measures. The CIO charges Reed with stating that labor was "in the hands of racketeers" and supporting the Smith - Connally anti-strike bill.

In its reply, the union warned Reed that he was a public servant and declared he was covering his defamation of the CIO under a cloak of congressional immunity.

Chaplain (First Lieutenant) James Collins Ottipoby, a Commanche Indian, is the first of his race to be appointed to chaplain in the Army of the United States.

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Are Not Fattening So Why Not Try Them?
See Your Neighborhood Store

UNITED NATIONS FACTS
32 AGAINST THE AXIS !
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ASKED THAT THE FLAGS OF ALL THE UNITED NATIONS BE HONORED ON FLAG DAY, JUNE 14, AS A REMINDER THAT "ONLY BY TEAMWORK CAN WE WIN THE WAR AND ESTABLISH A LASTING PEACE"
NEWEST MEMBER
OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS BOLIVIA - CHIEF SOURCE OF TIN SO VITAL TO OUR WAR EFFORT. BOLIVIA JOINED APRIL 27, 1943
TEAMWORK IN ACTION!
SHIPS OF SIX NATIONS LANDED U.S AND BRITISH TROOPS IN NORTH AFRICA

Zaritsky Reverses Position on Lewis

NEW YORK, June 21 (FP)—On the heels of AFL President William Green's announcement that swift action would be taken on the United Mine Workers' application for re-admission into the AFL, President Max Zaritsky of United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union (AFL), reversing his former position, declared June 15 that re-admission of the UMW would be a "national calamity."

On May 19 Zaritsky joined with President David Dubinsky of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (AFL) in welcoming UMW President John L. Lewis' proposed return to the AFL, but this attitude is completely changed in an editorial written by Zaritsky for his union's official journal.

"On every count, Lewis' rejoining of the AFL can bring only damage to the federation itself and harm to the labor movement as a whole. It will be a blow also to all the liberal and progressive forces of our country with which the labor movement is joined in mutual confidence and understanding in the effort to win the war and win the peace."

Murray Asks Probe of 'Zoot Suit' Race Attacks

WASHINGTON, June 23 (FP)—CIO President Philip Murray has asked President Roosevelt to "order quick remedial action" against the rioting and lynch spirit in the Los Angeles anti-Mexican disturbances. He charged that the hysteria was the result of a carefully planned campaign to stir disunity and racial hatred.

Murray urged that government agencies take a hand in checking any further possibility of rioting and asked the President to order a complete investigation by the Justice Department.

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WLB Okays Contracts

Approval of four out of five contracts was announced today by Ivo Erwin of the United Retail Clerks (CIO). Contracts were approved for the following unions:

Home Made Box Lunch, Kasle Iron Metal Co., Nugent Furniture Co. and Amster-Kirtz Co.

Contract of the Creasy employes was disallowed as the wage scale was above the approved minimum. A $35 rate was set for dishwashers for 40 hours work in the case of the Home Made Box Lunch, with increases of $3.00 per week in the Nugent Furniture contract and from $3.00 to $6.00 per week for the Amster Kirtz employes. Kasle Iron workers were given a five-cent an hour increase in their base rates.

Nugent Furniture Co., which went out of business for the duration of the war in May, will pay retroactive increases in wages to its employes who were with the company from July 13, 1942, until it ceased business. Office girls and warehousemen will benefit in the ruling.

Kansas Sustains Labor

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—(FP)—A 3-judge federal district court recently sustained labor in its fight to defeat the Kansas labor control bill. A lower court had enjoined the state from enforcing the law whereupon State's Atty. A. B. Mitchell entered a motion to dismiss the ruling. His motion was thrown out.

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Third Coal Strike In Two Months Closes Mines

PITTSBURGH, June 22—(FP)—The nation's mines were shut down for the third time in two months June 21 as 530,000 members of the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) remained away from work after their 20-day truce with the coal operators expired at midnight.

All of Pennsylvania's 125,000 soft coal and 80,000 hard coal miners were on strike with some UMW locals taking formal strike votes and others automatically observing the union tradition of "No work without a contract."

John Komolo, UMW District 4 organizer at Fredericktown, Pa., said, "We are going to stick to our guns and see it through—no contract, no work. We hate to see production slow down at a time like this, but it isn't our fault. We are disgusted with the War Labor Board and we feel that we have been unjustly dealt with."

Reports reaching here from eight other major coal producing states indicated a complete halt in production. In addition to Pennsylvania's 200,000 ,the number of men usually employed are: West Virginia, 130,000; Kentucky, 60,000; Illinois, 43,000; Virginia, 23,000; Alabama, 22,000; Ohio, 21,000; Tennessee, 10,000, and Indiana, 8,500.

Hatters Campaign To Buy Destroyer

NEW YORK (FP)—The joint board of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers is carrying on a campaign to buy $5,000,000 in War Bonds for the purchase of a destroyer. More than $3,000,000 has been raised already.

We Serve The Spicer Employees

Prop. Bruce Strain

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Be careful not to "kink" the cord. And grasp by the plug, rather than the cord, when disconnecting.

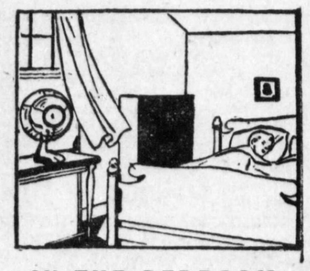
It's best to place fans to provide a general air movement without blowing directly on you.

ATTIC VENTILATION FANS If you're among the fortunate ones who have an attic ventilation fan, remember to have attic vents open. An attic fan requires oiling from time to time —undue noise is a warning signal that advises you to call your serviceman!

●

Our Home Service Bureau—and attendants at our Appliance Center on main floor—are glad to advise you on any of your electric appliances, to keep them rendering maximum service.

IN THE DINING ROOM
Try putting fan on buffet service table, without blowing directly on people.



IN THE BEDROOM
Place fan in open window, facing room, without blowing directly on bed.

The Toledo Edison Co.

We're Strong For Toledo

By OLLIE PECORD.

OLD SONG

Remember that old song, "We're Strong for Toledo", which was popularized by Joe Murphy's Ice House Quartet?

Remember how the Murphy bunch took a trip to Belgium to attend a Rotary International convention, and how the headlines in the Toledo papers told of Joe and his Ice House Quartet (composed of eight men) singing "We're Strong for Toledo" before the convention and even delighting Albert, King of the Belgiums, with their harmonizing?

"We're strong for Toledo" ranked next to the "Star Spangled Banner" in its patriotic appeal for Toledoans, although so far as I know it was not sung by labor organizations, unless perchance the AFL was moulded along the lines of the other mutual admiration societies sometimes known as LUNCHEON CLUBS, and sometimes known as Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions or name your animal.

WE'RE STRONG, TOO

Now, I'm not advocating that the workers of Toledo forsake their work benches and machines to gather in Willys or some other park and lift their voices in the tuneful and lilting melodies of the civic anthem, but I am suggesting, more than suggesting, claiming, that Toledo workers are even stronger for Toledo than some of our so-called better people, who are even today standing in luncheon clubs to give out with the vocal chords in many a tuneful tribute to "the boys are the squarest, the girls are the fairest of any old town that I know."

And why shouldn't the workers be strong for Toledo? Why should they take a back seat for anyone in their love of the old town that gave a lot of them their education; that gave them their first job; that put them on relief after its boys who are the squarest went defunct along with a lot of good banks?

Because of our conviction that the workers of Toledo are strong for Toledo, we are going to present here each week some article to prove our love for T-O-L-E-D-O just like the Exchange Club does, only in our case, we shall prove our love by discussing some of the municipal affairs of Toledo, not forgetting our City Council, which conducts the business affairs of Toledo.

OUR CORPORATION

Dear T-O-L-E-D-O is our corporation. It is business of we, the people, and we would be poor business men indeed if we failed to interest ourselves in dear T-O-L-E-D-O.

BIG BUSINESS

We who live in Toledo cannot help but be impressed when we discover that our fair city is a great corporation with an assessed valuation of $346,345,750. And that, my dear boys and girls, isn't hay. Not only that, but the public utilities in Toledo have an assessed valuation of another $55,298,320, which definitely isn't small change. Together, we represent a valuation of $410,644,070.

Big corporations like General Motors, Thompson Products, Ford, General Electric and similar large sized enterprises search high and low looking for managerial ability. We know that the large corporations are not only willing to pay, but do pay figures to management which we workers call exorbitant.

WHY MANAGERS?

Why do big, corporations pay their Sloans, Crawfords and other managerial talent so highly? Let's accept the explanation given by the large corporations — because these men know how to make money for the company, and give the stockholders their reward for risking their money.

And so it is with our city. We are incorporated. We must have somebody to run the business of our corporation, which is known as Toledo. But, unlike big business (remember, we have an assessed valuation of $346,345,750), we do not always get the best business brains to run our corporation, because we, the people who are stockholders (taxpayers), do not exercise as much discrimination as other big business in picking the right people to run our business.

COUNCIL

Pursuing this subject along its natural line brings us to our city Council, composed of nine men, chosen at large, to manage our business, to handle the affairs of our $346,345,750 corporation in which we, the stockholders (citizens) cannot help but be vitally interested.

Before leaving you, give a thought to our present city Council and decide if our councilmen are all good managers of the affairs of our corporation, then come back here next week and we will go into the subject of our managers in a little more detail. In the meantime, "We're Strong for Toledo, T-O-L-E-D-O. Its boys are the squarest, its girls are the fairest of any old place that I know."

The Acklinite

By Lewis Mattox

VISITOR

Sophie Kaminski's son was home on a furlough and visited in the shop, as did Gertrude Browning's brother. Both boys were looking fine and like their jobs.

Stanley Schoviak, long-time member of the Unit, left for the Navy late last month.

PERSONALITIES

Grace Lee is leaving for her vacation this week. She is accompanying her husband to Houston, Texas. Have a good time, Grace.

Mississippi Slim, that great big man from the South in the engineering department, who confesses he likes "cawn bread," is an ardent admirer of Local 12. Slim is a good Union member and is a good illustration of what will some day happen when the South is thoroughly unionized.

MEETING

Next meeting of the Acklin Unit will be June 27, 2 p. m., at 425 Winthrop St. New officers recently elected by the Unit will be installed by Cyrus (Toots) Martin, Local 12 representative. Run-off election of the three candidates tied for committeeman-at-large will take place prior to the installation.

SOFTBALL

Thanks to the generosity of the company, our softball team will be outfitted with uniforms. The team won its first game last week, and with the new uniforms to improve their morale, should continue to hold their own in the Local 12 softball league.

National Supply

By Shorty Sager.

Don't forget our annual picnic at Shady Shores, along the river. It's a beautiful spot, with a ball diamond and lots of room to park your cars. George O'Henry has purchased plenty of beer, candy bars, ice cream, cracker Jack, etc. Plenty for everyone. Bring your wives and children, as there will be plenty to eat. The date, Sunday, July 11.

AROUND THE SHOP

If you want to see a man with an honest face, take a good look at Frosty Richards. Oh, yeah?

It seems as though Jim McDonnough has a bad case of amnesia. After driving his car to work, he rode home with someone else and left the jaloppy at the shop. For the life of him, he couldn't figure where it was until a two-year-old child came to his rescue and returned him to his senses.

Tough boy Pinkie Zimmerman, since being close to the army, has developed a lot of ailments all of a sudden, such as heart trouble, asthma and blindness. Poor Pinkie.

LAUGH OF THE WEEK

Meredith "Buzz" Price, the Casinova inspector, surely does celebrate when he is out on his own.

There is a new increase in the Coci family, and no cigars. Tish, tish, Al. Any relation to Staplo-Coci?

Do you ever come to work without breakfast? Do you ever get thirsty on a hot afternoon? If so, contact Bill Godlewski or Mel Penn and they will buy you something to eat or drink. As to their generosity, ask Bob Porter.

We certainly are glad to see Rufus Cutts back on the job as leader in Dept. 85, after a long siege of illness. We are glad to have you back, Rufus, and we wish you the best of luck.

Don't forget to register at the Board of Elections, next to the Esquire Theater, so you can vote for labor next election.

Spicer Unit News

By Winfield C. Vernier

BY-LAWS CHAIRMAN RESIGNS

Edward Golembiewski tendered his resignation to the secretary of the By-Laws Committee for the following reason: He has been elected scoutmaster of a Boy Scout troop and stated that any father who has a boy 12 years or older and interested in the boy's future could readily understand his action. We understand, Ed, and the committee appreciates the valuable aid you gave them while serving with them and welcomes your service again whenever it is possible for you to serve.

UNIT MEETINGS ONCE A MONTH—JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

Frank Rostetter reports that due to a motion passed at a Unit meeting there will be only one meeting each month, on the first Sunday, for the above-mentioned summer months. P. S.: Of course, if a special Unit meeting is requested by 25 members as per Section 7 of Article VIII of our present By-Laws, we would have more meetings. Or would we, Frank?

CHIEF STEWARD ON THIRD TRICK ELECTED

Spike Ryan of Dept. 205 was elected chief steward on the third trick. He also acts as assistant to Paul Nay.

June Dorr, who works for Bruce Strain, speaking: "Doctor John (meaning John Dennis, steward in the hospital on second trick), can you fix my finger for me. It's cut and bleeding?" John: "Don't call me doctor." Maybe it's that medical accent you have, Johnny, that fools the girls!

Two Spicer Unit members who deserve a lot of credit for going out of their way to serve the Local and our Unit are Ralph Mason, manager of the Local 12 baseball team, and Robbie Robbins, managing the Spicer softball club. Let's turn out and see our boys perform.

Quotation—Frank Dalton, steward in the Inspection Dept. 45, second trick. Frank: "Let's wash, fellows, and get that iron out. We got a war to win, you know."

Elmer Gregory, scrappy former chief steward on the third trick, is convalescing from a recent appendectomy. We hope you are well soon, Elmer, and able to be with us again.

Tom Adair (Odair to some) of the bargaining committee, is recuperating from a tonsilectomy. What would Tom have done if this occurred during an election campaign?

Steel Products Tattler

Steve Kulczynski, vice chairman, has left to serve Uncle Sam. We wish Steve the best of luck and a speedy return.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Zientek achieved parenthood a week ago. Another girl for the happy couple. Congratulations.

Vic Bienick is alter bound June 25. Congratulations to Vic.

Helen Richason is leaving us, to be with her husband, who is serving in the armed forces. Good luck, Helen.

Joe Puhl rides John Wyas on his bicycle to and from the Union hall. At the halfway mark it is vice versa and John pumps a while. They are saving their 18 stamp and shoe leather.

Alta Taylor has enjoyed (?) her sister's cold for a few days.

Genevieve Winder is suffering with a lame back from moving furniture around. She was trying to keep up with the stronger sex.

When Margaret Toper meets one of her friends she lets the rest of the neighborhood know about it.

There seems to be a contest on among the women to see which one can wear the most amount of lace. Oh, my deah!

A few more members attended the last monthly meeting, June 19. Their attendance and voice of opinion was greatly appreciated. Let's see everybody at the next meeting, July 17.

Champion Sparklets

FROM THE EDITOR

Champion Spark Plug Unit,
UAW-CIO,
900 Upton Avenue.
Att'n. Lloyd Spiedell, Chairman.

Will you please convey my thanks and deepest appreciation to the members of the Champion Unit for the splendid support they have given, and are giving the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL.

While the pressure on labor increases on all sides, it is imperative now, more than ever before, that labor avail itself of every means of presenting its case to the public, combating the anti-labor propaganda of the industrialists, who are able, because of their position, to utilize both the daily press and radio as their weapons against the workers.

In giving the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL their support, your people show enlightened interest in their own welfare, which indicates they realize the importance of their paper as an instrument in promoting their welfare. Such willingness on the part of the workers to support their press shows a spirit of progress which I hope every union will show as time goes on.

Again thanking your unit for its support and with every good wish for the continued progress of your organization, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
OLIVER J. PECORD,
Managing Editor,
Toledo Union Journal.

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Leo Carr, sometimes called the "Greyhound Kid" of Dept. J, is a very happy boy when the Mud Hens are at home. Somebody gave Leo a season pass and now his wife knows just where to look for him when the lights come on over on Monroe Street.

Ted Hill, that remarkable player of Dept. K, not only excels on the indoor field, but also in his duties at the shop. We wonder if all Ted's perspiration is from hard work, drinking too much water or . . . ?

Who is the Mr. Five by Five that Ethel Hahnlen is dreaming about?

We still have at least one foreman who thinks the way to get things done is to shout and pound on his desk. Of course, he's new. We are sure he will learn in time.

We like the way our transportation problem is being handled. It is a tough, thankless job, but it is being well done by Bruce Melvin and DeWayne Wisebaker.

We still hear some complaints about certain stewards, but never at Unit meetings, which is the place to beef. What's the matter, afraid to come out in the open and voice your objections publicly?

Grup and Speidell deserve a word of encouragement about now. Their work becomes more burdensome month by month.

How about a ventilator over your annealing oven, Habicht? The odor isn't very invigorating.

A sure sign that warm weather finally has arrived: Bill Barbee shed his shop coat at last!

Richard Roose is another hitchhiker who has changed to better jobs two or three times by bidding. How does it feel, Dick, to take advantage of an unearned privilege? Better quit riding and start pulling with the rest of us.

Cpl. Al Kenngott, former chairman of the Unit, has written to tell us of his thanks for a check sent him by the Unit. The check was made possible by the dance given by the Unit.

In his letter, Al says: "I find words inadequate to describe to you people my appreciation for your gift."

Al continued, saying, "In following the events at the Champion in the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL, which I receive regularly, I noticed with great pride that the Champion employes are always on top in donations to all causes. I am sure I am speaking for all the boys in the service when I say that your contributions to the USO, Red Cross, etc., and such as you have made to the boys at Champion, is a boost to our morale, and that is vital if victory is to be ours.

"To you many new employes of the Champion whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting, and to those of you who were working there at the time of my entrance into the armed forces, I say, 'thanks a million for the gift'."

Al's address for those of you who may wish to write him, is 305 Ser. Sqd., 31st Ser. Grp. Air Service Command, A.A.B. Biggs Field, Tex.

Labor's News In Brief

UNIONS ASK LAW VETO

WASHINGTON (FP)—CIO President Philip Murray, AFL President William Green and President D. B. Robertson of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers (unaffiliated) in a joint statement asked the President to veto the Conally-Smith bill, describing it as "the worst anti-labor bill passed by congress in the last 100 years."

OPA TRIMMED BY CONGRESS

WASHINGTON (FP)—Congress received the house appropriation committee's bill for 18 government agencies, with the Office of War Information and the OPA most seriously trimmed and few of the agencies' original estimates left uncut. The total bill calls for $2,921,441,504.

MOHAMET GOES TO MOUNTAIN

WASHINGTON (FP) — Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown announced that instead of waiting for industry to approach OPA in forming advisory committees as required under the price control act, OPA will act to get them set up under OPA's industry council.

PRICES NEED SUBSIDIES—FDR

WASHINGTON (FP) — President Roosevelt asserted that price control could not be achieved without subsidies and estimated that it would take from a billion and a half to two billion dollars to accomplish the anticipated rollback in prices.

ANACONDA FINED

FORT WAYNE (FP)—A fine of $10,000 was levied here against the Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. after it had refused to contest charges of attempting to defraud the government in the manufacture of defective wire products at its Marion plant.

Rathbun Reporter

When Gus Zimmerman can't keep up with the dirt in the "Chick Sales," it's time we did something. Why not take a little pride in the old relic and help keep it clean.

The annual picnic is coming up, so start saving your gas. Those on the committee are Mike Waclawski, Russell Martin, Spike Harris, Leo Karl, Walter Thomas (Suds), Paul Guyras and Heinz Szeve. Where it will be held we know not. It will be at a place where "Suds" Thomas can operate.

Henry Kaiser can't be so hot, not when you consider the record our own assembly boys are making. They have really put their backs to the task of "launching" that tug engine ahead of schedule. Sure they grouse about the long hours but they are at heart proud of the job.

Does the company have any idea who piloted that Flying Fortress which made three runs over the shop last Monday? Hiya, Aaron! Local Boy Makes Good in a big way.

WLB To Suffer in Economy Move

WASHINGTON (FP)—Congress received the House appropriation committee's bill for 18 government war agencies June 16, with the Office of War Information most seriously trimmed and few of the agencies escaping pruning of the Bureau of the Budget's estimates. The total bill calls for $2,921,441,504.

Compared to the $37,324,000 asked for OWI, exclusive of a special $10,000,000 fund for possible use in military operations, the committee recommends Congress allow OWI $5,000,000 for the special fund, and $29,472,504 otherwise. This is $6,374,788 less than the amount allowed for 1943. The cut for the Domestic Operations Branch is 37% of the budget estimate.

WLB Held Down

The National War Labor Board is prevented from adding personnel or obtaining increases for more permanent positions on the staff, although the report points out that at the date of the hearings the WLB had a backlog of 600 cases in Washington and 25,000 in the field. Requested was $13,481,300. Recommended is $500,000 less. New cases coming to the board include 2,300 a week for voluntary wage adjustments, and 400 a month in which management and unions disagree.

Willys Seeing Eye

By Claude Hess

PAY-AS-YOU-GO

We read an editorial in the sheet they call a paper that is delivered to your every night, saying we asked for a 20% withholding tax, and that we got just what we asked for, which is stretching the truth a long ways.

Yes, we are for a pay roll withholding tax, but we had nothing to say about how much it would be. But the reactionery Congress is trying to make everyone believe the workers are for the new tax bill. They tried every way to sell the Ruml Plan, which would have exempted the people with salaries of $1,000,000 per year over $850,000, but how much would we be exempted.

Ask yourself, who will make the most profit out of this war, the Industrialist or the Worker? You can rest assured this is a worker's war and we will have to pay for it and not the N.A.M.

Quit kidding yourself that Congress is going to help the workers. What they are actually doing is trying to take everything away from organized labor that has been won by it aided by Franklin Roosevelt, the finest friend labor has had since Abraham Lincoln occupied the White House.

We also think it is unfair of the members of organized labor, who live within the limits of the city and who are not registered and unable to vote, to call themselves union members. We think you have a duty to do and a lot of obligation to repay to our president of this United States of America, to elect people who will support him and not let the reactionaries who are now in control of congress take everything away from you.

Brothers and Sisters, wake up and become good citizens by registering at 217 Superior St. and be able to vote this fall. Stop those who do not like us from having control of everything. Say to yourself, I have a duty and so have my friends, who took the same obligation as I did, to register at once. Don't be misled by those editorials you read in the daily papers. They are only put in there to fool the workers, and the few who really believe in them.

FOREMEN, ATTENTION!

We suggest that the foremen of Willys Overland get out their little green bibles, better known as contracts, and read paragraph 28. It seems that the foremen on the first shift in Dept. 662 have forgotten they are not die repair men, as they have been told a good many times, but we guess it just goes in one ear and out the other. But the no working order is going to be enforced. If you would only take care of the men under you and see that they have the right dies in the right hammers, you would have plenty to do. Joe Pargeter can take care of this one.

RESTAURANT

This is a message to the light-fingered gentry who eat here and who have a habit of carrying home all the cutlery. We think it very unfair, unpatriotic, and in poor taste to do a thing like this. You know you cannot buy these articles any more, and if you continue to carry them home, you soon will have to go back to the primitive way and eat all your food with your fingers. This is a warning that if you get caught you will be severely dealt with. Leave the tableware on the table and quit putting it in your pocket.

Willys Unit is leading the way for recreation among Local 12 units. We have baseball, softball, tennis and golf teams, and we are reliably informed not to be surprised if fishing and swimming clubs are organized. Last, but not least, are our Victory Garden weed pullers. Go to it, brothers and sisters. All we ask you to do is let us know what the score is once in a while.

Six Billion for Lease-Lend For Year Voted

WASHINGTON (FP)—The Senate approved appropriations for $6,273,629,000 for lease-lend operations June 11, coincident with the anniversary of the signing of mutual aid agreement by which this country has supplied munitions, food and other material to the Soviet Union. The bill awaits only the Presidential signature now. A rider to the bill maneuvered by the farm bloc prevents any funds being paid for subsidies on agricultural products grown here.

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"UNITED WE STAND"

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Ramey on Defensive

Congressman Homer A. Ramey came home this week to face the music.

Congressman Ramey bearded the lions in their cage and explained why he voted against the Smith-Connally anti-strike bill. Apparently, the congressman does not subscribe to the words of Elbert Hubbard, "Never explain. Your friends don't need it, and your enemies won't believe you anyhow."

We who opposed, and still oppose the bill, do not wonder at Mr. Ramey's explanation to the industrialists and powers that be, yet, it would have been far better had the congressman come out and bluntly told the manufacturers that he voted against the anti-strike bill because it is an unjust and unreasonable piece of legislation, rather than try to rationalize and explain his vote, on the grounds that he, like many other congressmen, hates President Roosevelt.

Chances are [illegible] the manufacturers who regard Congressman Ramey as a washout so far as their cause is concerned, were not impressed by his explanation, and are already plotting behind closed doors with the Republican big wigs to replace him with another candidate in 1944.

If Mr. Ramey intends to return to congress, he would do well to stick to labor, because if he does return to Washington in 1944, it will be because Labor returns him, and not due to any efforts of the big shots who by this time distrust him most cordially.

Race Riots

Race riots occuring in widely separated parts of the country within a brief period of time seem to indicate that more lies behind them than greets the eye. The number and intensity of the riots indicates that they are more than coincidental.

Blaming the Ku Klux Klan for the riots is a charge which very likely has some basis, yet, it suggests itself that some greater propaganda force than the Klan is responsible.

Despite all denials and minimizing of the results of the riots on war production, it is a demonstrable fact that the war production has been slowed, at least temporarily, and that is exactly what Hitler and the Axis have hoped for.

Now if the riots can be stirred up in more places as a result of rumors, false reports, and whipping up the hatred and blind ignorance of the mobsters and potential mobsters, the Axis will be gaining time and the war effort will be slowed down.

Regardless whether the race riots were Nazi inspired or not, the results are the same as though Herr Goebbels himself were here directing the action.

Let's Be Consistent

While labor awaits the President's decision on the Smith-Connally bill and defends itself on many fronts, the workers themselves still show an indifference to their political fate which doesn't inspire confidence.

For the past three weeks the Board of Elections have remained open every Monday night until 9 p. m. in order to give the workers additional opportunity to register. Only 244 people have taken advantage of the registration opportunity, which is a sad commentary, particularly in the face of the growing and virulent opposition which labor is up against on the legislative fronts.

Next Monday night will be your last opportunity to register up to 9 p. m. If you are sincerely opposed to the anti-labor legislation already passed, and that is still being contemplated in Washington, you will go to the Board of Elections on Monday and register. Neglecting your political situation is on the same par as refusing to ask your employer for decent wages. It's up to you!

No Answer

Several weeks ago the CIO invited the AFL to join with it in uniting for political action.

In Cleveland the two organizations have teamed up and formed an effective political front. We are simply wondering whatever became of the AFL in its desire for a joint mass meeting with the CIO. Perhaps the action has been lost in some pigeon hole in the AFL headquarters.

What's New

EDWARD J. DUCK
Educational Director
Local 12 UAW-CIO

JUST OUTSIDE THE DOOR

Pity the poor office worker. He sows but never reaps. He's waiting for ships that never come in, but he can dream, can't he?

Edward J. Duck

The most neglected of the city folks, in the line of finances, are the school teachers, clerks, and alas, the poor office worker. Whose fault is it?

Someone ought to teach the teachers to stop teaching what they are teaching. Which in plainer terms means that they should dwell a bit more on the truthful side, instead of parroting for the Manufacturers Association. But then, the Board of Education has them by the throat, and we the people elect the Board. In the final analysis it's a people's problem, one which we haven't solved too successfully as yet.

THE CLERKS

Then come the clerks. Ah, the fifteen dollar a week group. What fun it would be to organize them—and what a job! The plan adopted a few years back includes the organization of these wretched (financially speaking) victims of a system of controlled greed, but like the old maid, they must be patient. We're getting to them now, and believe it or not they are actually responding.

An improved National Labor Relations Board personnel would help tremendously here. As evidence of this, we present Exhibit A, the group of downtown department stores which signed a backdoor contract, including the closed shop, with an organization which has done little or nothing for the employees, and which held about two percent of those employees as union members at the time of the signing of this blanket agreement.

But let's get back to the office worker.

SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY

He doesn't make much money, but just look at the opportunity for advancement! And he has a desk all to himself. If he works diligently they might move him right over there—just outside the vice-president's office.

What solace there is to be found in being just outside the vice president's office, I'll never know, except perhaps, it presents a glorious opportunity to trip the vice president as he arrives each 9:00 a. m. muttering about the union screwballs.

Once in a while you see someone come up from the ranks and become president of a large corporation. You know—one of those Horatio Alger stories—from office boy to president by diligent application and faithful performance This is the star of hope which for years has charmed the bookkeeper and office janitor alike. This vision compensated for the fact that the drill press operator, that uncouth individual with the lunch bucket, drove an Oldsmobile convertible and had a wife who wasn't afraid to have kids for fear of starving to death herself.

RAGS TO RICHES

These stories of from rags to riches remind me of the old fellow from the Hooverville shanties who won the Irish Sweepstakes.

"Sweet are the uses of adversity"! At least that's what Shakespeare said. Ask the office worker—he knows. At least I presume he knows, because in quite a number of offices he considers himself a part of management, reads his daily newspaper as tho it were the Bible, thrives on petty jealousies and idle gossip, (these are component parts of the system of pushing yourself ahead at the expense of your fellow office worker) and last but not least, doesn't care to know anything about unions.

Besides, he tells you, "A union would break up the good feeling and congeniality in our office."

Yes, pity him, but ask him to compare paychecks with you sometime. You've got something there!

Servicemen's Letters

Proud of Union

Dear Members:

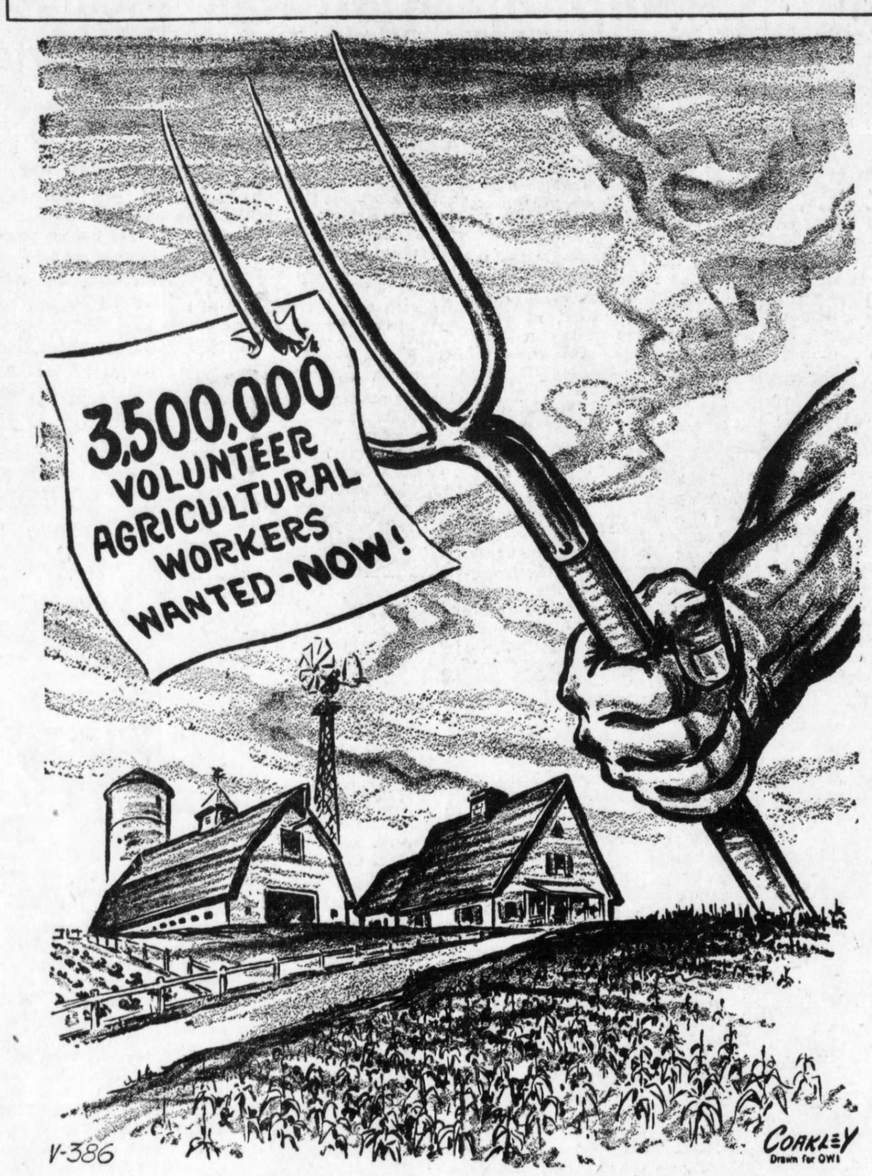
I wish to thank you for the boxes I have been receiving from you, they are greatly appreciated. It really means a lot to receive one of the boxes, how much so, words cannot xpress.

I sure am proud to belong to a Union which has such thoughtful members as you. I mean this from the bottom of my heart. You're doing a wonderful thing in sending us packages. This is really the "American Way," and I'm proud to fight for it.

I'm on maneuvers and they keep us pretty busy so I'll sign off for now.

Sincerely,
Pfc. Donald F. Doe.

Pitch In!



Its News To Me

By O. J. Pecord

WHOSE UNION IS IT?

Say, pals, whose Union is this, anyhow?

Oh! So it's your Union. Well, I thought it was my Union, because I have often had my officers and other people tell me to go and talk to MY Union committeeman or ask me to support MY Union in this, that, or the other Union enterprise.

O. J. Pecord

Personally, I'm willing to compromise the question. I'm willing to concede that maybe it's your Union too, and agree that it's OUR Union.

TECHNICAL

Now my only reason for getting technical is because every now and then some good Union member comes along with a hard look on his kisser, and his jaw thrust into a pugnacious angle, to whine through his clenched teeth, "what's the Union ever done for me?", a fair and honest question from an unselfish Union soul.

Unlike some of my fellow members, I never lose my temper when such a situation arises. I merely take my index finger, place it gently but firmly on the sternum (chest to you) of my wholehearted Union brother and ask, "Well, what the Hell have you ever done for the Union?"

Far be it from me to argue this question with my Union brother, because when one of the members reaches this stage, he is one of several things none of which look good in print, especially in a nice, respectable labor paper.

UNIONS ARE MADE

It seems to me that there are quite a few of our Union members who are under the impression that a Union is a vague, impersonal grab bag into which they merely stick their fist and come up with everything their hearts desire.

They seem to believe that they merely stand on the sidelines and cheer when the Union gets them a raise in pay, or satisfactorily adjusts their grievances, or gets them put back to work when they are unjustly fired, or some other equally important accomplishment.

They seem to believe that they still stand on the sidelines and change their cheers to jeers when their Union fails to get them everything they want. They become carping critics. They stand, figuratively speaking, with their arms folded on their chests saying, "Go on, Union, do something for me. Go ahead, Union, and make me happy. I dare you too."

Poor souls, they don't realize that Unions are not mechanical machines. They don't know what the score is.

CAN'T BUY IT

You can't buy a Union. That great big dollar a month that we pay as dues to our Union to maintain it doesn't make a Union. Standing on the sidelines cheering or jeering certainly doesn't make the Union. Criticizing or praising our leaders isn't what makes a Union.

Obviously, the thing that makes a Union is something entirely different. The thing that makes our Union is you, and you, and me and all of us. We are the Union. If our Union is good, bad, or indifferent, it means that we the membership of the Union are good, bad, or indifferent. It can't be otherwise.

Unions are people. Unions are made up of the rank and file, people who unite in an organization of their own choosing to give themselves an opportunity to bargain collectively, to achieve some measure of security, to better their working conditions, to adjust their grievances satisfactorily, to secure adequate wages for their work, to strengthen themselves in the unity of purpose and action which their organization can give them.

Since unions are organizations of people, it suggests itself that the Union is no better than the people composing it. If the workers fail to take an nterest in their organization, do not attend meetings, fail to heed their leaders, ignore the appeals made to them to be really interested, or are indifferent, what can they expect of their Union?

There isn't any rhyme or reason why any of us should stand aloof and look at a Union and say, "Why doesn't the Union do something about it," if we ourselves are unwilling to do something about it. It's not enough to have our Union fight for us; we must be willing to fight for ourselves.

Those timid souls who say, "what has the Union ever done for me?" are, in effect, confessing their own failure to try and do something for themselves, because THEY are the Union as WE are the Union. They blame us for not doing something for them when they themselves contribute nothing to the Union.

Unions are WE the people doing for WE the people, and not just a thing we call the Union doing something for just ME. I MUST DO MY PART. I must be willing to work for my fellow members, for only in each of us working for all of us, and the measure of how much each is willing to do for all, will we benefit as individuals. What benefits each, benefits all, and the sooner we realize this, the sooner we shall achieve a Union which will change our words from "what has the Union ever done for me?", to "What the Union has done for me."

It isn't THE UNION. It isn't my Union, or your Union, but OUR Union.

Detroit's Disgrace

By E. P. ROBAL

DEMOCRACY

While thousands of fighting men of all races are dying in a common cause on far-flung battle fronts, Detroit, in the heart of the world's most democratic nation, finds itself embroiled in bloody race riots.

American citizens have allowed Axis propagandists operating in the ranks of the Ku Klux Klan to prey upon race prejudice to such extent that they have forgotten basic moral principles and are engaged in persecuting and murdering members of a minority group, even as Hitler murders and persecutes the Jews.

A RESEMBLANCE

Note the resemblance between the hate-inspired mobs roaming the streets of Detroit, and the brown-shirted Jew-baiters of Berlin. Both are motivated by an egotistical belief in the superiority of their own race, spurred by a subconscious fear of the dormant possibilities of those whom they persecute. Neither has the slightest conception of the ideal of democracy.

Neither of these groups is using the intelligence vested in them to solve any problems, real or imaginary. The sight of innocent blood and untold agony moves them only to greater sadistic excesses as they roam the streets seeking new victims, caring for nothing except that those they pursue are of another race and that they hate them blindly, yes, and fearfully.

THE DIFFERENCE

As for the difference between these two fascist mobs, the Nazis are organized and trained, while the Detroiters are ill-directed, poorly armed and ununiformed. We cannot say that they are disorganized. Max Stephan was not the only traitor in Michigan. Other traitors, who bow toward Berlin, have given direction to these mobsters who have lost their right to the title of "Americans."

Hitler has taken his automats and trained them from their youth in viciousness and hate. Those who mar Detroit's repute have been brought up in a democratic country, and most of them have been educated by schools which have attempted to instill a spirit of fair play and decency.

Both of these fascist groups are doomed to defeat and disgrace.

THE ARGUMENT

We have heard their stupid arguments before. "They are all right if you keep them in their place." Or "Give them an inch and they'll take a mile." Remember, these are the exact arguments the bosses used against the workers of America.

Finally they say, "Let's send them back to where they came from." Such foolishness. Rather, let us take all the hate-inspired American fascists and bigots and send them to Naziland. They would have no trouble assimilating themselves into Hitler's picture. They would be completely at home to vent their savagery on innocent victims.

The only unworkable part of the plan is that it is difficult to pick out an American fascist by looking at him. To all outward appearances they resemble decent citizens. Hate and bigotry are invisible themselves. It is only their effects that can be seen.

On The Beam

By CLAYTON W. FOUNTAIN

The passage by Congress of the Connally-Smith anti-strike bill is something in the nature of a runaway horse. A pigheaded bloc of political Philistines has taken the governmental bit in its teeth and is galloping backward at a mad pace down the road to the "good old days" of Harding and Hoover.

There is a gleam in the eyes of these legalistic galoots which hints of brass knuckles, lead pipe and firing squads.

In direct disregard of the mandates of the Constitution of the United States, these congressional clucks are wrecking the principles of democracy with legislative bombs. They are blasting the rights of the people to bits with a backstairs blitzkrieg against the freedom of man.

While the ordinary citizens are laboring for liberty, and the boys on the battlefronts are fighting for freedom, with election day more than a year away, the Washington goons are ganging up on every decent aim for which the war is being fought.

THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY

The Constitution was ordained and established, as stated in its preamble, to secure, among other things, "the blessings of liberty to ourselves and to posterity." We who live in—and love—America today are that "posterity" to whom the Founding Fathers passed on the hardwon heritage of liberty.

But the stinkiest of the politicians of our time are busily blackjacking liberty instead of protecting it for the people who selected them.

Duplicity and double-talk seem to be the major tools of the legislative tricksters who are waging their private war against freedom on the home front. To them the union shop is far more horrible than Herr Hitler's hateful assault on the fortresses of freedom. They would rather scuttle the Wagner Act than open a second front against the Nazis. Prison cells for labor leaders are their reply to Goebbel's glorious Nazi new order.

COCKEYED CONTRADICTIONS

The two-faced twist of the anti-strike bill would be highly amusing if it were not so tragic. If any word of this asinine action has trickled through to their eager ears, the long-suffering workers in Nazified Europe must surely be puzzled by the cockeyed contradictions of the Connally-Smith legislative contraption. It must appear to these workers that America is nuts—to be preaching against Fascism and practicing its foul tactics at the same time.

European labor has long been exhorted to revolt against the rule of the Nazis. Every strike, every stoppage of production, every act of sabotage in nations held by Nazi gangsters has been applauded by the people of the United Nations. But the workers of Europe must surely question the sincerity of propagandists who extol the right to strike across the ocean, while labor's rights on this side of the pond are chopped to splinters by political hatchetmen.

NO ARGUMENT FOR STRIKES

This piece is no argument for walk-outs in war-time. It is merely an observation of the fact that you cannot fight Fascism with one hand and, at the same time, feed it with the other.

The authors and sponsors of the Connally-Smith masterstroke of political persecution do not want to fight Fascism as such. They fear and hate the power which liberty places in the hands of the common folks of America; and they are using the excitement of war-time emotions to kick democracy below the belt.

The war grew out of just such political piracy as is so brazenly manifest in the provisions of the Connally-Smith bill. Mussolini, Hitler, Franco, & Company first enslaved labor before they foisted their dictatorships on all the people under them. The labor-hating charlatans now captivating Congress with their corny politics are brewing a dose of Fascist tonic for America.

Unless the common people soon grab the reins and pull the runaway politicians up short, the war will not be worth fighting.

Editor's Mail

To the Editor:

I wish to extend to you the sincere thanks of the United States Navy Recruiting Station for the fine support the Toledo Union Journal is giving our recruiting program.

We very much appreciate your fine cooperation and active patriotic spirit.

Sincerely,
H. E. Milliken,
Lieut. D-V (S) USNR
Officer in Charge

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser, Director,
Region 2B, UAW-CIO

THE RAINY DAY

Many of the workers are making more money today than they ever made before; but unfortunately, not all the workers are setting some of their earnings aside against the day when the war will be ended and employment falls off.

Richard Gosser

Many husbands and wives are working and earning incomes which a few years ago would have been looked upon as fabulous. Many of these people are spending their money on entertainment and non-essentials which they never were able to afford before, and many of them are spending more money on these things than they should.

We all know of cases of people who are earning big money and who are neglecting to save anything, except perhaps a war bond now and then. When this war comes to a close and normal production is resumed, these are the people who are going to talk about the good old days when they made a lot of money; but alas, failed to save enough to tide them over the dry spots of the post-war unemployment.

BUY BONDS

I realize, of course, that a lot of our people are unable to save anything due to conditions over which they have no control; but this is not intended for the people who are doing the best they can under their circumstances. However, I do recommend that all who can do so, invest all they can in war bonds or other savings and prepare for the unemployment that is certainly going to come following the close of the war.

War bonds seem to me like a good way of saving, in fact, they are as good as insurance or placing your money in the bank, because if your war bonds are not iron-clad savings, then your insurance and banks will not be better. Your bonds are as good as your government, and since we all have confidence in the financial condition of the government and respect its promise to pay the bonds, no better way of saving and earning interest is possible.

Not only do the war bonds earn interest for the investor; but the ones who place their money in bonds have the satisfaction of knowing that their money is aiding the government in financing the war.

I certainly hope that all the workers who are making good money will help themselves by saving all they possibly can from their earnings and in this way cushion the unemployment period which is going to follow this war.

Inflation Bogey

By MELVIN SCHULTZ,
President, Local 12, UAW-CIO.

THE MOUNTAIN LABORS

For months, the OPA has labored, and finally brought forth a mouse in the shape of price roll backs on butter and meat.

Congress has acted as a sort of midwife—not to help, but to obstruct anything being born in wacky Washington that might be of benefit to the consumers of the nation.

Melvin Schultz

While OPA has frivolously fiddled, fooled and frittered its time away, the WLB has painfully taken brief after brief apart to see what made them tick in order to keep wages lagging far to the rear of prices.

And all this has been done to prevent inflation.

Looking around, we observe that the great state of Ohio has accumulated a reserve of $300,000,000 in its unemployment fund, insurance against the day when the war shall have been won and the four freedoms made safe for the Chinese, Russians and inhabitants of Iraq. When that day comes and mass unemployment lifts its ugly head, we shall be in a position to give our former soldiers and war workers a less-than-subsistence income, doled out by a reluctant state.

And while Ohio and other states amass large funds for unemployment insurance, the workers who have hopes for adding to the fund by means of bonus plans negotiated with their employers, are informed by the WLB that such postwar payments, if arranged, must come before the WLB for review and approval.

We do not know what the reaction of the decision of the WLB will be with respect to the bonus plans which are now being negotiated with a number of corporations here and in other cities which were dealt with here for the past two issues, but we do know that such plans are not inflationary, but strictly protective and only intended to relieve postwar unemployment hardship for the workers.

NOT ENOUGH

There isn't a worker who was ever forced to accept unemployment insurance who found the money thus derived to be sufficient even to meet his ordinary living costs, and adding to his fund of available money in a period of unemployment would not only be helping the worker, but would be of aid to the state and to stimulating business. The more money the unemployed worker has to spend the quicker business is stimulated.

We have no objections to the WLB reviewing the cases in which we negotiate a postwar bonus payment to the workers, but we definitely are opposed in advance to any possible refusal the WLB may give us on the grounds that such postwar bonus payment to the workers would be inflationary.

GETTING TIRED

The workers are getting tired of being held down within the formula so piously used by the WLB to deny, whenever possible, increases in the workers' wages. They are willing to make whatever sacrifices may be necessary to win the war, but they want an equitable distribution of the sacrifice.

To give the workers a postwar bonus would, to some slight extent, remove some of the stench which has come from big business during this war, and which will be uncovered in greater detail after the war, the same as occurred following World War I.

If we are refused a postwar bonus, I hesitate to say what the outcome will be, but it will not be in praise of the WLB.

Weekly Sports Review

By Pinch Hitter

WIN ONE

As predicted here, the Local 12 Federation team finally came up with a win in its last game of June 20. It was a hard fight though and required extra innings and two hurlers to turn the trick.

The Red Cabs were the victims of the CIO victory and the sterling twirling of dauntless Bob Burkart, who replaced Al Vinson in the fifth inning and toiled and sweat and swore (under his breath) until the 14th inning when Buzz Shanteau came to his rescue by driving in the winning run, in the person of Manager Ralph Mason. Buzz's hit, a double, came with the bases loaded.

The Red Cab first baseman dove wildly into the dust and came up with a handful of dust, and the CIO came through with their first win of 1943.

That just goes to show it can be done.

It was a bad day for the umpires. Every decision was a close one, and as a result the umps were in hot water on a hot day at hotter Merrill Field, where the titanic struggle took place before several hundred spectators. The other fans were out under a hotter tent feeding peanuts to Cole Bros. hot circus elephants.

Whitey Baxter, new shortstop for the CIO, is one of the reasons why the team looked so much better. Nothing got by Whitey and he didn't do bad at the bat, contributing a timely wallop in the crucial 14th inning.

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HENS COME HOME

Our Mud Hens, slightly mussed up after several disastrous series on the road, will resume the old home stand tomorrow and hope to get going again. They believe in the old slogan, "You'll Do Better in Toledo", and we hope they will do better than they have done in the past 10 days. After all, you can't win them all, and our Hens ain't no miracle men.

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SOFTBALL

It would be a lot easier to give you a report on the softball league if a reporter would be appointed for the league. Nevertheless, we know enough about the league to be able to tell you that the Champion Spark Plug lads are in undisputed possession of first place after downing the Spicer team last week.

Defeating Spicer's team doesn't signify that the race is over. Not by a long shot. Those Spicer lads have a hot pitcher in Wiggy Keeler and he was all tired out when the Champion outfit tangled with him. At that, he nicked 13 of the Champ lads for strikeouts and that isn't bad tossing in softball language.

Louie Mattox, who directs the league, has promised to have a full and complete report of all league activities from now on, so if the team standings are not up-to-date, give Uncle Looie a chance to come through.

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WITH THE WALTONIANS

Bill Watt will give you all the latest fishing dope. Since some of the Local 12 fishermen gave up their sport last week-end, we have nothing to report on that score here this week except . . . well, the usual post-wedding feeling of . . . well . . . it was a swell wedding, but the refreshments were too plentiful.

Action In CIO Softball League

Wiggy Keeler of the Spicer team has just busted the over-sized horsehide on the snozzle in this action photo taken by photographer Bill Close. Keeler besides being a good hitter has one no hit no run game to his credit and has lost but one game out of four starts.

Let Congress Know

Organized labor is letting congress know it is watching the vote on the following:

HR 7—Marcantonio: repeals poll tax. To pry it out of senate judiciary subcommittee unions are writing Chairman Ernest W. McFarland (D. Ariz.).

S 1161 — Wagner-Murray-Dingell: extends social security to agricultural workers, domestic workers, and by voluntary agreement, to government employes; extends coveage against unemployment to young fighters on return to civilian life. In senate finance committee, house ways and means committee.

S 1089 — Lucas: keeps election polling places open from 6 a. m. to 9 p. m., enabling more war workers to vote. In senate subcommittee on elections.

S 1130—Thomas: provides $20,000,000 for child care. Supported by labor, with suggestion to increase to $100,000,000 for the million children of working mothers needing care. Senate education and labor committee expected to report it favorably.

HR 2481—agriculture appropriations: restores funds to Farm Security Administratio. Scheduled to go to house, which previously cut FSA funds.

HR 2869—Commodity Credit Corp. bill, with Patman amendment preventing funds of CCC "or any other government agency" to subsidize rollbacks or maintain maximum prices. As S 1108, the bill was yanked back to senate banking committee by John Bankhead II (D. Ala.) to similarly strengthen committee amendment which as reported would prevent such use of CCC funds only. Labor opposing all rollback-preventing amendments.

S 1143—Bushfield - Smith - Aiken: prevents subsidies to stabilize prices.

Appropriations bill for Dept. of Labor, War Manpower Commission, Federal Security Agency. Reported out by appropriations committee June 14. Wipes out Natl. Youth Administration, critically cuts appropriations for U. S. Employment Service and WMC training programs. Up for debate in house week of June 14.

Pitches Perfect Game In Softball League

Wiggy Keeler, who ogs them past the opposition batters, came through with a no-hit, no-run game Tuesday night at Highland Park against the Standard Commutator team in the Local 12 Softball League. The score was Spicer—1, Standard Commutator—0.

Willys-Overland knocked the Champion Spark Plug team out of the league lead and took possession of the top spot itself when it defeated the latter team by a score of 2 to 1. Willys is the third team to take the league lead so far this season and may hold it for a while if they can continue to play the same brand of ball they have been showing.

Acklin Game Not Clear

Through a misunderstanding, the National Supply team went to Scott park to meet the Acklin club, and by the time they discovered their mistake and hurried over to Highland park, it was too late to play.

PROGRESSIVE CONGRESSMEN ORGANIZE

WASHINGTON (FP)—Progressive congressmen have organized into a bloc to save OPA and to promote the subsidy and price rollback program. The group's managing committee consists of Representatives Thomas E. Scanlon (D., Pa.), Chet Holifield (D., Cal.), Howard J. McMurray (D., Wis.), and Vito Marcoantnnio (ALP, N. C.).

COMPANY CHARGED IN RACE RIOT

MOBILE, Ala (FP)—The Alabama Drydock and Shipbuilding Co. was directly responsible for the attacks on Negro workers at its shipyards May 25, in which 80 workers were seriously injured, Marvin Cox, regional director of the Office of War Information, charged.

WAGE INCREASES DEMANDED

NEW YORK (FP)—Wage increases and other improvements in working conditions for 100,000 garment and laundry workers in the south, east and middle west were requested by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO) "in order to eliminate substandard conditions and wage inequities."

Valentine Stages Premiere

"Stage Door Canteen" Opened June 24

"Stage Door Canteen," featuring the famous New York canteen, opened Wednesday at Loew's New Valentine Theater with a special performance for servicemen and other invited guests.

Servicemen were picked from the Naval Armory, Rossford Ordnance Depot and Coast Guard. They met 100 girls, chosen by the local USO, in the lobby of the theater. The girls wore badges with their names on them and each serviceman was compelled to find the name of the girl previously handed him, who acted as his hostess during the show.

Regular performance of "Stage Door Canteen" began Thursday.

AMA Finally Moves on Medical Care

Plan for Medical Service To All People

CHICAGO, June 20 (FP)—Reacting to pressure by labor groups and liberal organizations, the American Medical Association is now going ahead with plans for providing more adequate and complete medical service to all people in all communities of the nation.

This is the first recognition the AMA has given to demands that it drop its reactionary policy of fighting group health plans and government support of health security measures.

At its annual meeting here a Council of Medical Service and Public Relations was organized to develop a program for post-war medicine in the United States.

Whether this committee will serve as a blind for anti-group health moves remains to be seen. However, the United States Supreme Court has upheld the conviction of the AMA on a charge of restraining operations of the Group Health Association, a medical cooperative, in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Criticizes Aid, Comfort To Uncle Sam

HOLLYWOOD, (FP)—There ought to be a limit on the free war work done by unions and their members, some producers believe. It is rather a delicate subject to bring up, of course, but Anthony G. O'Rourke, lawyer and labor contact man for Walt Disney, found an opportunity to make some informal comments to that effect while explaining contract details to the executive board of the Screen Cartoonists Guild.

As reported to the rank and file by The Animator, the local's paper, O'Rourke "took it upon himself to criticize the aid and comfort that the union is giving the government."

The cartoonists have set up a story board in their union to work out a new approach in the technique of selling war bonds from the screen. This grew out of a discussion with Treasury Dept. representatives, and if the solution of the union cartoonists is approved a commercial producer will probably get the job of making the picture.

Anti-Axis, Cash

"Mr. O'Rourke is opposed to this," The Animator said. "He said that the government has plenty of money and no one should do anything for the government for nothing."

O'Rourke's boss is not the only producer making films for government agencies. But the Disney lot has been humming since the war started and it is frequently stated that most of its activity is non-profit work. Apparently every little non-profit job counts.

Screen Cartoonists recently produced gratis an animated cartoon to help explain the point rationing system, thus depriving some deserving producer of a cost-plus deal. The film was much simpler in technique than the standard Hollywood cartoon, and yet was bright and gave a clear exposition of a complicated subject. This may be the rub rather than the mere loss of a 10% margin on a payroll now and then. Suppose the discovery is made that effective cartoons could be turned out for ⅓ to 1/10 present costs!

For example, Canada has a cartoon genius named Norman MacClaren who makes an entire picture single-handed, drawing directly on the film. His pictures are primitive by Hollywood standards, but very lively and amusing. No American company has shown any interest in releasing them.

Impartiality, de Luxe

PRECAUTION. 20th Century-Fox is looking for an unknown actor to play the title role in Rickenbacker, the Story of an American. (Hollywood is very zealous in guarding the popularity of its established stars.)

SUBSTITUTES. Every real Indian in Hoyylwood is working in a war plant, Republic found out when casting Wagon Tracks West. They had to hire 100 pale-skins and daub them with makeup from scalp to toes.

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By JOHN PAINE

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LITTLE LUTHER

"Well, I see they're going to get the reds out of the government," Mr. Dilworth said, to nobody in particular.

"Wassamatter?" piped up Luther. "Did they catch somebody trying to boost production?"

"Don't be sarcastic, Luther. These are dangerous times. Subversive elements are working in Washington."

"You mean those people who are trying to keep prices down—so everybody can eat?"

"Sometimes I think you don't even try to understand. Price fixing is un-American. It limits profits and without profits . . . "

"And without profits, the big guys would go to work for Hitler, huh, Pop?"

"Certainly not. But there are limits to patriotism and self-sacrifice. Mr. Hoover says . . ."

"Mr Hoover says we ought to go back to the first world war. That's when prices went up 10 per cent and wages lagged way behind, isn't it? That's when they had to have 200 per cent profits."

"That isn't true in this war."

"No. In this war they want 500 per cent."

"Free enterprise has got to be rewarded, Luther."

"Why does it have to be rewarded, Pop? Last week you said it was a way of life."

"Of course. But initiative and free enterprise are threatened. If subsidies go through . . ."

"Sure, sure. If subsidies go through the people can eat, the farmers can live, the big boys can still make a fair profit. That's probably what's eating them. A fair profit is out of date. It's all or nothing, isn't it, Daddy?"

"That's enough, young man. You go right up to bed. I warned you about reading red propaganda."

"But, Father, I got all this from Mr. Hoover and the NAM!"

Snoopy Porky Gets Caught

ROSCOMMON, June 22. — The same curiosity that killed a cat almost killed a snoopy porcupine in Roscommon county, but Amos Gilbert, towerman at the Nestor fire tower, happened along in time to rescue the luckless animal from the results of its own folly.

Towerman Gilbert was a trifle mystified at the sight of a No. 2 salmon can moving uncertainly through the grass along a Roscommon county road. Upon investigating the strange phenomenon, he found that a porcupine with more curiosity than caution had got his head stuck in the can. The amused towerman extricated the animal from its uncomfortable predicament and sent it on its way.

Negro Mother Has 8 Sons in Armed Forces

AUSTIN, Tex. (FP) — If Mrs. Leora Johnson of Austin had been living in Beaumont recently, her home might have been one of those which was "stomped into the ground." She would have had little protection from her family because her eight sons are all in the armed forces of the United States, fighters for the right of all people to live in security and peace.

Her sons are: James Henry, U. S. Navy, stationed at Corpus Christi; Lewis, stationed in the Hawaiian Islands; Aaron D., Navy; Norman, Oklahoma; Jesse, private 1st class in the Army; Chester T., Navy, Norfolk, Va.; Corp. Thomas Lee, Camp Livingston, La.; Edward McCoy, Navy; Corp. Eric, Riverside, Cal.

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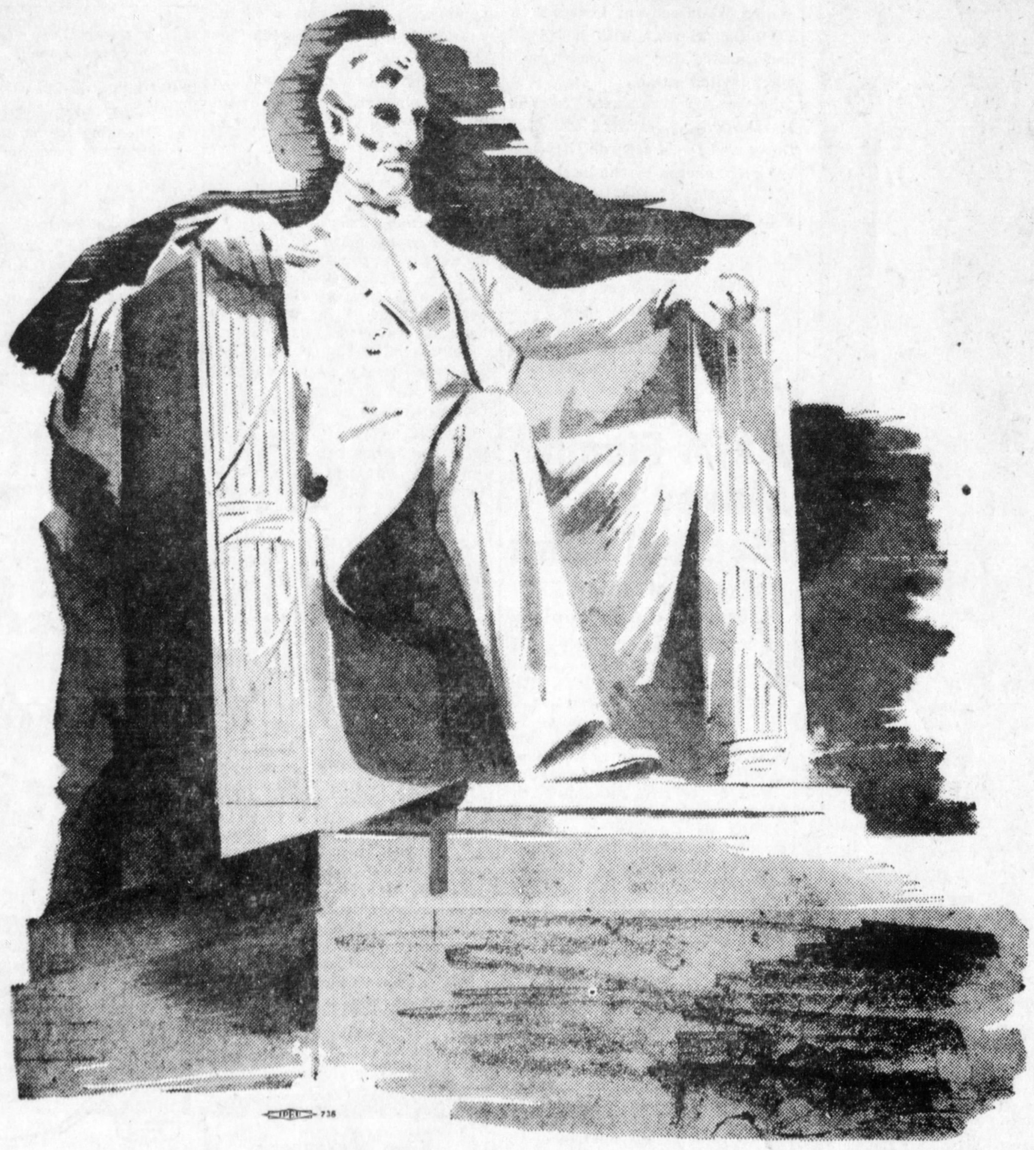

of the People by the People for ?

The news from the battlefronts is good.

At home, it's another story . . . Congress is fighting a different war. It is turning OPA over to the food profiteers.

Congress is refusing to permit a roll back of prices.

Profiteers have established pill-boxes in the committee rooms of Congress. They are shooting at all price control.

The Senate Agriculture Committee is opposing use of subsidies to roll back food prices.

The House Agriculture Committee has successfully fought grade-labeling. The result is that you pay top prices for inferior food.

The Senate Small Business Committee is acting for the National Retail Grocers Association in attacking an OPA proposal to publish top prices in chain stores and supermarkets.

The Howard Smith Committee in the House is a sounding board for realtors and landlords who want to kill rent control.

That is only part of the record of the 78th Congress.

Congress has bowed to the Wall Street-manipulated "farm bloc," but it has refused to help small farmers.

Congress has removed the $25,000 (actually $67,500) ceiling on big salaries, but it has insisted that your wages and ours be frozen.

Congress has sought to undermine the powers of the War Labor Board, established to maintain peaceful labor relations.

Congress has sought to enact vicious, un - American, anti-labor legislation like the Connally, Smith and Hobbs bills.

Congress has sought to help the wealthy evade their proportionate and just share of taxation, and has placed undue tax burdens on the farmers, workers and middle classes.

Congress continually snipes at President Roosevelt. **Too many Congressmen hate Roosevelt more than they hate Hitler.**

It is time the plain people who elected Congress insisted that our government should be **for the People,** not for certain special interests who would exploit the war emergency.

*Prices should be rolled back to May 15th, 1942, the date wages were frozen. *OPA should be strengthened, not destroyed. *The powers of the War Labor Board to adjust all industrial disputes should be restored. *The millions of small farmers should be extended aid needed to increase production of food.

Join us in pressing for this home-front program. Write or wire your Congressmen today. Tell him you're keeping score for '44.

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